

**ORDINANCE NO. O2024x07
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 163 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF
BELVIDERE ENTITLED “ANIMALS” ADDING ARTICLE IV ENTITLED “FEEDING
OF WILDLIFE OR STRAY ANIMALS”**

**Article IV
Feeding of Wildlife or Stray Animals**

§ 163-41 Prohibited conduct.

No person shall feed or attract in any public park or on any other property, public or private, any wild or stray animals which are not licensed to a resident of the Town of Belvidere and not under the control of any person. The definition of “wild or stray animals” shall include, but is not limited to, the following: dogs, cats, waterfowl, raccoons, skunks, groundhogs, bears, pigeons or other birds. This article shall not apply to enclosed, elevated bird feeder devices, unless the act of doing so causes a public nuisance, or confined wildlife (for example, wildlife confined in zoos, parks or rehabilitation centers or unconfirmed wildlife at environmental education centers). This prohibition shall apply to any conditions by which the feeding of animals creates a public health risk or unsanitary condition.

§ 163-42 Enforcement.

This article shall be enforced by the Animal Control Officer, Police and/or other municipal official and/or designees of the Town of Belvidere. Any person found to be in violation of this article shall be ordered to cease the feeding immediately.

§ 163-43 Violations and Penalties.

Any person(s) found to be in violation of the provisions of this article shall be subject to a fine of a least \$50 but not to exceed the sum of \$1,000 as determined by the Belvidere Municipal Court Judge.

NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Belvidere Town Council held on April 22, 2024 and was read for the first time. This ordinance will be further considered for final adoption by the Belvidere Town Council at a meeting to be held on May 28, 2024 at Belvidere Town Hall, 691 Water St., Belvidere at 7:00 PM or at any time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance at that time. Any member of the general public can obtain a copy of said ordinance at no cost at the Municipal Clerk’s Office, 691 Water St., Belvidere, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Teresa A. Yeisley, RMC/CPM
Municipal Clerk/Administrator